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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

8 in 6 Program

Advanced Opportunities for Idaho Students

Division of Student Engagement & Postsecondary Readiness

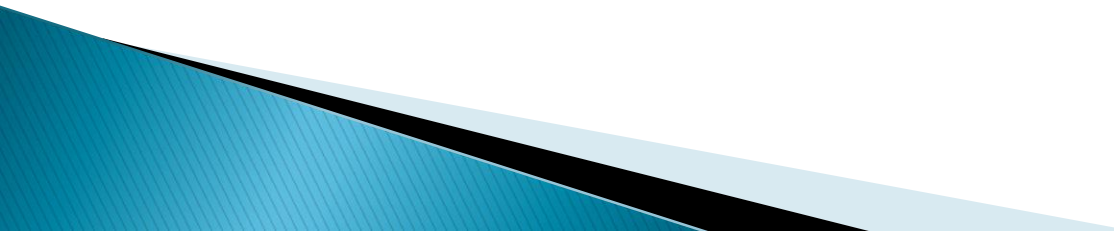


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Agenda

- ▶ Overview of the 8 in 6 program
 - ▶ Who qualifies for the program
 - ▶ Benefits of enrolling students
 - ▶ Requirements of administrative oversight
 - ▶ Q & A
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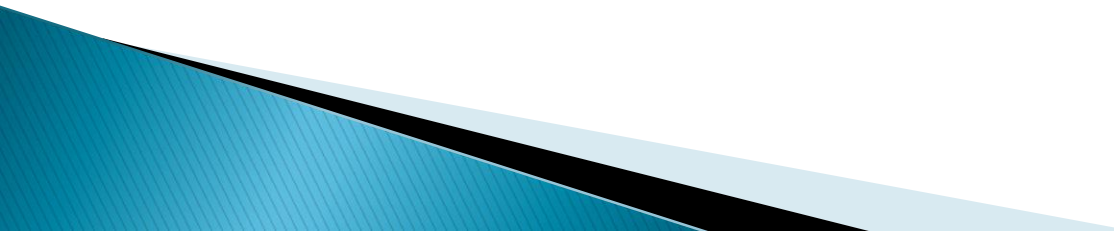
8 in 6 Program

The program is designed to help students complete up to 8 years of schoolwork (2 years of middle school, 4 years of high school and 2 years of postsecondary or trade school) in just 6 years.

This program supports the State Board of Education's goal that 60 percent of Idahoans between the ages of 25 and 34 attain a postsecondary degree or credential by 2020.



8 in 6 Program Goals

- ▶ To help Idaho students progress through the state's high school graduation requirements at an accelerated rate (46 credits)
 - ▶ Help students with costs associated with overload courses
 - ▶ Students enroll and successfully complete a dual credit or professional–technical education course during their eleventh and/or twelfth grade year
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8 in 6 Program



- ▶ Program is open to all students in grades 7 through 12*
 - Students may enroll throughout the 2013–2014 school year
 - For the 2014–2015 school year students must enroll by July 1, 2014
- ▶ Students take online courses during the summer or online overload courses during the school year
 - Student must have a full course load of at least fourteen (14) credits per school year to participate

Case Study

8th Grade Summer	9th Grade Semester 1	9th Grade Semester 2
Elective of Choice A (1 cr)	Technology	Technology
Elective of Choice B (1 cr) OR	Foundations of Composition	Foundations of Literature
Elective AB (2 cr)	Algebra 1	Algebra 1
Paid by SDE 8 in 6	Physical Science	Physical Science
	Intro to Social Science	Intro to Social Science
	Elective of Choice	Elective of Choice
	Elective of Choice	Elective of Choice
	Science of Choice	Science of Choice
	Paid by SDE 8 in 6	

Case Study

9th Grade Summer	10th Grade Semester 1	10th Grade Semester 2
Elective of Choice (1 cr)	Speech	Intro to Interactive Media
Elective of Choice (1 cr)	Intro to Lit/General Studies	Intro to Rhetoric/Persuasion
Elective AB (2 cr)	Biology	Biology
	World History	World History
Paid by SDE 8 in 6	Math of Choice	Math of Choice
	Foreign Language	Foreign Language
	Elective of Choice	Elective of Choice
	American Lit	English of Choice
	Paid by SDE 8 in 6	

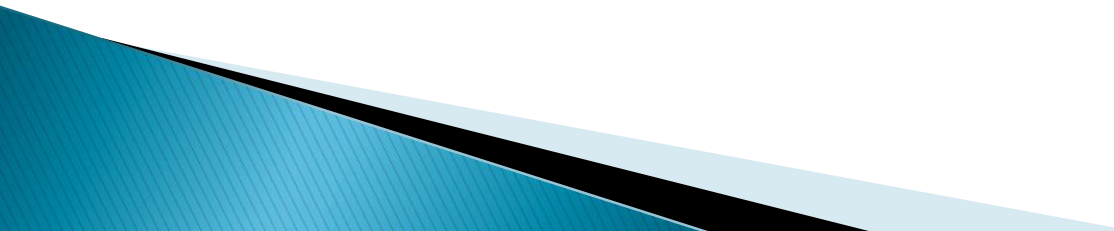
Case Study

11th Grade Semester 1	11th Grade Semester 2	12th Grade Semester 1	12th Grade Semester 2
English Lit	English Comp	Math of Choice	Math of Choice
US Government	US Government	AP/Dual Credit	AP/Dual Credit
Health	PE	AP/Dual Credit	AP/Dual Credit
Economics	Elective of Choice	AP/Dual Credit	AP/Dual Credit
Elective of Choice	Elective of Choice	AP/Dual Credit	AP/Dual Credit
Elective of Choice	Elective of Choice	AP/Dual Credit	AP/Dual Credit
Elective of Choice	Early Release or Elective	AP/Dual Credit	AP/Dual Credit
		* SENIOR PROJECT*	
* Note Elective could be dual credit or AP		Paid by SDE Dual Credits for Early Completers (18 per semester)	
Paid for by Student			
Recommended: additional year of Foreign Language as an elective of choice for college admission		Advise course selection for students based on program of interest at postsecondary institution	

8 in 6 Program Parameters

- ▶ Candidates for program should demonstrate success as an independent learner
- ▶ SDE will reimburse the district \$225 per 8 in 6 eligible course
 - Majority of course delivered electronically, offered by an Idaho public provider or accredited by Northwest Accreditation Commission or other recognized entity . IDLA courses are eligible
- ▶ Course costs exceeding \$225 are the responsibility of the student/parent

8 in 6 Program Parameters

- ▶ Student must maintain a “C” or higher in their 8 in 6 courses to continue in the program
 - ▶ If the student receives a lower grade, they will be required to complete an overload or summer course on their own to be reinstated in the 8 in 6 program
 - ▶ Districts receive reimbursement for all 8 in 6 courses regardless of grade earned
 - ▶ Districts to monitor student standing in program
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8 in 6 Program Limitations

- ▶ Students in the program can take up to 4 credits per year
 - Two credits of online overload courses per student per school year
 - Two credits of online summer courses per student per summer
- ▶ The SDE shall pay for no more than a combined total of 8 credits of online overload and online summer courses per student

Students / Parent Responsibilities

- Enroll in program by submitting signed assurance form to district ([SDE website](#))
- Complete at least one online summer or online overload course per year
- Student takes a full course load (14 credits) to qualify for 8 in 6 courses
- Earn a 'C' or better in 8 in 6 courses
- Complete at least one dual credit or professional–technical course during eleventh or twelfth grade

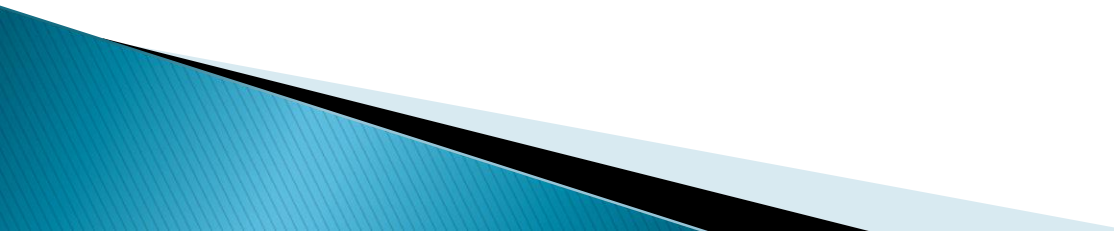


Benefits of the Program



- ▶ 8 in 6 allows students advance through their high school requirements at an accelerated rate
- ▶ Students are able to move into the Dual Credit for Early Completers program—college credits paid for by SDE
- ▶ Students who take dual credit are 2.2 times more likely to enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college, 2 times more likely to return for a second year of college, and 1.7 times more likely to complete a college degree, according to a October 2012 Jobs for the Future study conducted in Texas.
- ▶ Students graduate with their peers and have a head start on postsecondary requirements
- ▶ Potential savings to students and their families (\$\$\$)

District Oversight

- ▶ Retain required assurance form signed by parent and student
 - ▶ Identify method of course payment
 - District covers course cost upfront (recommended)
 - Parent/student covers cost of course and district reimburses parent/student
 - ▶ SDE reimburses \$225 per 8 in 6 course to district regardless of actual cost of course
 - ▶ Reimbursement distributed to districts in January and June of each year
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District Oversight

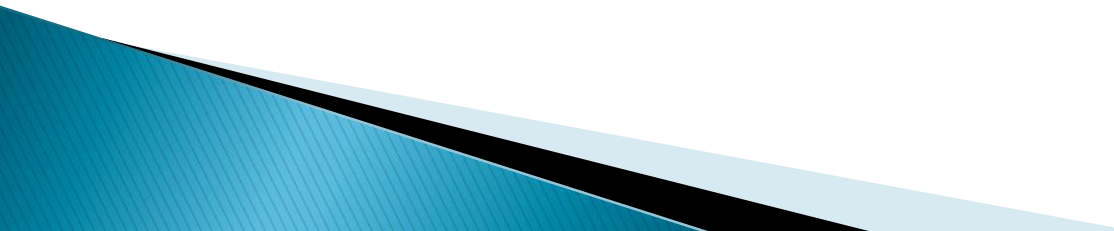
- ▶ Reimbursements will be triggered by ISEE data upload
- ▶ 8 in 6 required data for reimbursement:
 - Student Demographic File
 - Student must be flagged as an 8 in 6 participant
 - Grade level – Student must be flagged in appropriate grade level 7 –12



District Oversight

- ▶ 8 in 6 required data for reimbursement:
 - Student Course Enrollment File
 - Course Code
 - Course Name
 - Course Type – Choose only “T” for 8 in 6 online or “Z” for 8 in 6 not online
 - Course Entry Date
 - Course Exit Date
 - Credits Offered
 - 8 in 6 Course Cost
 - Provider School

Challenges Identified

- ▶ Variable Student Information System configurations at the district level
 - ▶ Parent/Student Involvement
 - ▶ Mapping Courses
 - Trimester vs Semester
 - No cookie cutter approach
 - Variance in local graduation requirements
 - Identifying eligible courses
 - Misunderstanding of program intent and requirements
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Upcoming Events

- ▶ Dual Credit for Early Completers Program
Webinar: January 7, 2014 at 10 a.m. MST
- ▶ Idaho Prevention Conference
April 17–18, 2014



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Questions?

- ▶ Additional information about all SDE Advanced Opportunities can be found at:

<http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/advancedOpp/>

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